

Independence Community School Board Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 February 18, 2013

A regular meeting of the Independence Community School Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Brian C. Eddy at Administration Building, Independence, Iowa.

Members Present: Chairperson Brian C. Eddy, John Christensen, Rusty Donnelly, Eric Smith and Stacy Henderson

Superintendent Present: Jean Peterson

Board Secretary/Treasurer: Lynnette Engel

Press Present: John Klotzbach, "Independence Bulletin Journal"

Visitors Present: Interested Patrons

1. Friend of Education

1A. Mrs. Donlea recognized Dr. Blaisdell on behalf of her mother, Helen Blaisdell, for sewing 100 sleeves to be used for ice packs at East and West Elementary. Helen Blaisdell resides in California and sewed these sleeves while visiting Dr. Blaisdell over the holidays.

2. Consideration of Action on Consent Items:

Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve consent items 2-A, 2-B, 2-C, 2-D, 2-E and 2-F. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

2-A. Approval of Minutes Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on January 21, 2013 and the special meeting on January 28, 2013.

2-B. Approval of Agenda

2-C Approval of Board Policies (all policies may be reviewed in the Admin. Building)

Second Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	606.1	Shared Students
2.	606.2	Class Size – Class Grouping
3.	606.3	Homework
4.	606.4	School Ceremonies and Observances
5.	606.5	Animals in the Classroom
6.	606.6	Student Production of Materials and Services
7.	606.7 & 606.7R*	Student Field Trips and Excursions and Student Field Trips and Excursions Regulation

First Readings:

	POLICY #	POLICY NAME
1.	606.8	School Assembly
2.	606.9	Insufficient Classroom Space
3.	606.10	Early Release for Seniors
4.	607.1	Student Guidance and Counseling Program
5.	607.2 and 607.2R1	Student Health Services and Student Health Services Administrative Regulations
6.	607.3	Musical Instrument Display Night
7.	607.4	Class Ring Display

2-D Transfers/Reassignments

NAME	PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Pam Wendel	East Elem 2.0 hour Dishwasher	JSH 2.5 hour Lunch POS Operator	\$9.25/hour	02/12/2013

2-E New Hires

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	DATE
Kim Williamson	East Elementary 5.5 hr Special Education Associate	\$9.00/hour	01/21/2013

2-F Resignations

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
Stephanie Cabalka	West Elem 7.0 hour Special Education Associate	02/20/2013
Bill Stamper	Assistant Girls Track Coach	02/13/2013
Mary Terry	JSH 4.25 hour POS Operator/Food Service Worker	02/01/2013

2-G Approval of Financial Reports – Motion Smith, second Henderson to approve financial reports. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 4-0. Eddy abstained from the vote.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3-A Mrs. Blasberg, ITA President, presented the Board with a document that showed pros, cons and questions staff posed in an anonymous survey regarding the 1:1 laptop computer plan.

3-B Mr. Donnelly shared a brochure that will be available for people interested in the paver project. The committee is hoping to have enough interest and funds pledged by the April board meeting. Mr. Christensen attended the High School band and vocal concert and was impressed with the outstanding talent and is looking forward to the new auditorium. He also attended the boys basketball game and loved the tremendous crowd. He believes there are lots of great memories in the gymnasium, but noted it’s time to move on to the new one. Mr. Eddy attended the Chamber Banquet and reminded everyone to thank John Behan, Citizen of the Year for his hard work and volunteering for the school and community. Superintendent Peterson also attended the Chamber Banquet and was impressed with all that’s going positively about Independence. The School

Improvement team presented the 1:1 laptop computer plan to School Improvement Advisory Council (SIAC) to get their approval. Superintendent Peterson has also met with Nate Clayberg, Buchanan County Economic Development Director, recently to discuss school to business ideas. She also noted that a second playground committee meeting will be held soon.

3-C Mrs. Reidy and Mrs. Lake, East Elementary teachers showed a video that demonstrated how children are using the Everyday Math program and technology during class.

4. Reports

Building Administrators, Activities Director, School Improvement/Curriculum Director, Technology Director, Food Service Director and Transportation/Buildings and Grounds employees reported on their respective buildings or areas of assignment.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-A New Junior-Senior High School Facility

Mr. Eddy provided an update on the status of construction of the Junior-Senior High School, and thanked the many volunteers who helped at the site during the month of January. A complete status listing can be seen at the Administration office.

5-B Change Orders for Items Described in Bulletins #SR-1 and #One (AV-1)

Motion Christensen, second Donnelly to approve the change orders for items described in Bulletins #SR-1 and #One (AV-1). All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

5-C Add South Tama to the WaMaC Conference

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to add South Tama to the WaMaC Conference. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6-A 2011-2012 Audit

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the 2011-2012 audit. Roll call vote: Donnelly – nay, Eddy – nay, Henderson – nay, Smith – nay and Christensen – nay. All voted nay, motion failed. The Audit will be brought back for approval at a future meeting after the Board reviewed the full audit report.

6-B Travel request for Speech Team Field Trip to Minneapolis, MN

Motion Christensen, second Smith to approve the travel request for the speech team field trip to Minneapolis, MN. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-C Renewal of Cooperative Sharing Agreement for Boys Soccer with East Buchanan and North Linn

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to approve the renewal of cooperative sharing agreement for boys’ soccer with East Buchanan and North Linn. All voted “aye”. Motion carried.

6-D Employee Severance Plan

Discussion was held by the Board regarding various aspects of the employee severance plan. While board policy requires the Board to consider a severance plan each year, discussion was held as to whether to offer a severance/early retirement plan this year. The Board discussed capping the number of participants to minimize the management fund levy rate, adjusting the age requirements for early retirement and the uncertainty of offering a plan each year. The Board asked Superintendent Peterson to provide a recommendation to the Board for approval based on the factors and criteria discussed.

6-E Employee Severance Plan

Item died due to lack of motion.

6-F Budget Guarantee Resolution

Motion Smith, second Christensen to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution. Roll call vote: Donnelly- aye, Eddy – aye, Henderson – aye, Smith – aye and Christensen – aye. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

6-G Resolution Directing the Advertisement for Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and approving Official Statement

Motion Christensen, second Henderson to approve the Resolution directing the advertisement for sale, approving electronic bidding procedures and approving official statement with the correction of the publishing newspaper to the Bulletin Journal. Roll call vote: Donnelly – aye, Eddy – aye, Henderson – aye, Smith – aye and Christensen – aye. All voted “aye”. Motion carried 5-0

6-H Trails Project

Mr. Eddy updated the Board regarding the path/trail project that would connect the new JR/SR High School to the existing campus by East and West Elementaries. The trail would connect to both ends of Liberty Trail and provide a two mile loop. Architectural fee and cost estimate proposals have been sought and will be considered at the March regular board meeting. Upon approval, the project would be bid Spring 2013 and be completed before August 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith, second Donnelly to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Brian C. Eddy
Chairperson

Lynnette Engel
Board Secretary/Treasurer